

Burlington, N. C.
Zoning Ordinance

SECTION 32.18: ENFORCEMENT

- A. Building Inspector Is the Enforcement Officer: It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector strictly to enforce all provisions of this chapter.
- B. Procedure: If the Building Inspector shall find that any of the provisions of this ordinance are being violated, he shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violations, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. He shall order discontinuance of illegal use of land or buildings; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of illegal additions, alterations or structural changes; discontinuance of any illegal work being done; or shall take any other action authorized by this ordinance to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of its provisions.
- C. Complaints Regarding Violations: Whenever a violation of this ordinance occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a written complaint. Such complaint stating fully the causes and basis thereof shall be filed with the Building Inspector. He shall record such complaint, investigate and take action thereon as provided by this ordinance.
- D. Penalties:
1. Fine for Violation: Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations of any conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variances or Special Use Permits, shall be punishable as follows:
 - (a) Any violation of this section shall subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00. Any duly authorized local government official is authorized to issue this civil citation, and the violator shall pay the penalty to the City Tax Collector's office within ten days of receipt. The failure of such violator to pay the civil penalty within the specified time shall subject such violator to a civil action to collect all penalties and costs for said violation, and any civil penalty that has not been paid that delinquent notice was sent shall carry an additional late payment penalty of \$25.00. Continued violation or continuing violations shall subject the violator to separate, distinct and successive civil penalties.
(Amendment adopted June 6, 1995)

(b) In addition to or in lieu of the foregoing remedies, violations of this section may be enforced by any one or more of the remedies authorized by the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 14-4 or G.S. 160A-175.
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2. Who Is Liable: The owner or tenant of any building, structure, premises or part thereof, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent or other person who commits, participates in, assists in or maintains such violation may be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided.
3. Other Remedies: Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.